**Staff Present**

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<th>Diane Martin (Chair)</th>
<th>Kurt Wall (Vice-Chair)</th>
<th>Teresa Garcia (secretary)</th>
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<td>Yetta Roggerson</td>
<td>Bonnie Sorak</td>
<td>Brett Vess</td>
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<td>Tina Horn</td>
<td>Kim McCauley</td>
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<td>Chalise Latimer</td>
<td>Hunter Craig</td>
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<td>Bert Hash</td>
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<td>Yolanda Sonnier</td>
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Meeting Commenced at 6:06 PM.

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| Chair’s Remarks                           | • The Meeting Commenced at 6:02  
• Diane greeted everyone                  |                                                          |              |
| Approve February Meeting Minutes          | • Diane asked if there were any changes to the March minutes  
• The March Minutes were approved         |                                                          |              |
| Voting for 2023 Theme, Colors and Student Contest Ideas | • Marla stated that “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?” has always been used in the past  
• Bert suggested that the theme “Helping out those in need and are in crisis” was a very relevant theme  
• Hunter stated he like the world peace theme  
• Kurt also likes the world peace theme. He stated it is broad, but it highly relates to current events in our world today.  
• Marla suggested using a quote to make the theme of World Peace less broad “World peace through non-violent means is neither absurd nor unattainable”  
• Chalise stated that the broad theme of World Peace would be relatable for students of Howard County  
• Kurt stated that everyone could find something to relate personally to the word “Peace”  
• Diane asked how Hunter felt about the World Peace |                                                          |              |
Theme

- Hunter agreed that he thinks many students would be able to relate local, statewide, national, and international problems
- Yetta agreed, world peace is what we strive for
- Tina said she liked the labor quality to it but she did agree with World Peace
- Brett stated that we should put action into the theme “we are on a journey”
- Yolanda “the journey of peace within ourselves
- Kim agreed to bring it into more of a phase also
- Promoting peace within yourself, in your community, and throughout the world. (Theme!)

- Diane then moved on to the vote for the essay question.
- Kurt- how do you create peace within an unstable world? School? Community?
- Diane- How do you create peace within yourself, your school, and your community?
- Hunter stated that it might be a big ask to ask students to solve world peace. What do you think is needed to achieve world peace?
- Yolanda suggested giving students the choice
- Kim stated to give the students a choice to expand on
- Discuss what peace looks like to you. Use yourself, school, community, or the world?
- What does peace look like to you: within yourself, your school, the community, or the world? Select at least one. (Question created!)
- Diane stated it was a big step tonight to pick the theme and question.
- Yolanda said we need to pick the colors. She also suggested we stick with the same colors to market ourselves with the same look.
- Diane listed out the color options and asked for commissioners’ thoughts
- Marla advised about how the colors print and how we need to consider picking colors that contrast better
- Bert asked why we change the colors every year
- Diane stated that gold and black were used because of Dr. MLK’s fraternity colors
- Marla stated we have used the gold/black in the past and it really pops
- Chalise said our shirts still pop and there are no dates on it
- Kim also agrees to stick with the same
- Burt and Kurt both agreed with Gold/black
- Gold and Black will be our colors*
- Chalise asked if we should promote our Theme and Question at “Books and Bloom” by setting up a table on April 30th?
- May 1, 2022, 11-4 PM is the AAPI festival and Yolanda
wanted to have a table for commissioners to reach out to the community

- Hunter asked for a document to be created with the dates of events so we can promote our commission
- Correction- “Books and Bloom” festival is on May 15th Color Burst Park
- Yolanda asked for us to pick a date when entries should be due.
- Marla suggested getting our promotional info created earlier than when school starts on August 29th
- Chalise suggested starting a campaign on social media to give reminders in addition to having the information given out when school starts
- Diane suggests releasing the info Sep and then closing on Sep 23rd
- Marla and Bert both spoke about September being too close to the beginning of the year
- October 7th was suggested by Diane
- Yolanda suggested staying away from Fridays
- Hunter asked why we need to have the submissions three months before the celebration. He brought up how the food drive lasted very close to the celebration date
- Diane said that she understands what he is saying but ordering everything and judging is time-consuming
- Marla suggested the latest date should be in October
- Yolanda stated if we are giving the info in advance that it should help with submissions. We need to be vigilant in promoting and sticking to our deadline
- Bonnie spoke about how the key to getting the students the information is getting the info to the parents. She suggested getting the information in a dedicated email to parents. Working with the communication office of the school system.
- Diane agreed
- Marla stated that we can try to get in contact with the school board
- Tina stated that there are people on the board that we can speak with
- Diane started a vote for the submission dates: 11th or 17th
- The contest due date will be October 17th at 5 PM
- Hunter voted for the 17th also
- Marla will start drafting the marketing campaign

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<td><strong>Program</strong>- Kurt and Daniel will be co-chairs of the program committee</td>
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<td><strong>Days of Service</strong>- At Ridgely Run community center on April 11 will be the next distribution for the 500 families. The date in May will be the 2nd Monday</td>
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<td><strong>Essay Contest</strong>- No news. Waiting for the themes to be voted on</td>
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| Discussion of Commission Retreat | ● Retreat Date is May 14, 2022. Starts at 1 PM at Centennial Park. We can set up around 12.  
● We need a count of who can attend  
● Kim asked about starting a bit earlier- she will have to leave at 2:30  
● Diane has a prior meeting to attend.  
● Kim suggested a working lunch so we should arrive at 12  
● Hunter stated he may have to play it by ear to join, but he would try to make it work  
● Yetta stated that it would work for her  
● Diane stated that the majority stated could attend and asked for Marla and Caroline to join  
● Let’s celebrate Caroline for serving 5 years  
● Yolanda asked if Diane and Kurt would create an agenda  
● Teresa stated she would also help |
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>● Diane thanked the commission. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.</td>
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